



# NOW NEWS

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29th Anniversary Convention - September 29, 30 and October 1, 1989  
Host - Milwaukee Numismatic Society  
MECCA Convention Center - Milwaukee, Wisconsin





A REALLY, REALLY, BIG SHEW

It looks like the 1989 fall MNS/NOW show will be the largest for the state organization, and judging from the program arranged by the host club, perhaps the most well rounded.

In addition to a huge bourse, Leo Neidengers exhibit area, and the usual nice "at the door" MNS handouts, a great auction featuring paper money from the Del Bertschy collection is scheduled. But thats not all, add to that a Milwaukee city bus tour, authentication table, beautiful silver medal, NOW bailout raffle, and Del Bertschy memorial souvenir sheet!

Two great educational programs are also plugged in at the MECCA, a Fractional Currency/Abe Lincoln slide show by Bill Brandimore, and a Young Numismatists program by ANA board member Nancy Wilson and numismatic writer Neil Shafer.

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Milwaukee  
Numismatic  
Society

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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**NUMISMATIST  
OF WISCONSIN**

# President's message



Come to Milwaukee. It's the place to be for the best in Wisconsin numismatics as the Milwaukee Numismatic Society plays hosts to the 29th annual convention of the Numismatists of Wisconsin, Sept. 29-Oct. 1, at the Mecca Convention Center.

It has been said that whenever N.O.W. needed help, A.P. "Del" Bertschy and the M.N.S. were on hand to provide it. This year's convention should prove to be a glowing example of that dedication to the hobby. General chairman Bob Korosec, the various committee chairpersons, and members of the M.N.S. have lined up one hell of a show for us. This convention is packed with highlights. Topping the list is the sale of the Bertschy collection of paper money, which will help to preserve the memory of Del, who passed away last year, and will provide an unequalled opportunity for collectors to enrich their holdings.

The more than 500-lot auction, being conducted by Hickman and Oakes Auctions, Inc. promises to create a sensation as many rarities have been intermeshed with the common notes slated to cross the auction block. If you didn't get a catalog, it's not too late. Write to Hickman and Oakes Auctions, Inc., Drawer 1456, Iowa City, Iowa 52244.

For those whose tastes run to less expensive collectibles, the M.N.S. has produced a number of convention souvenirs running the gamut from wooden nickels, elongates, show medals to souvenir cards. All are available at minimal cost.

Not to be forgotten is the first-class bourse that has come to characterize all M.N.S. shows. Bourse chairman Leo Neidinger has been hard at work attracting dealers from throughout the nation. With the market as hot as it is, there should be plenty of coins, tokens, medals, paper money and other collectibles available in all price ranges.

But if buying is not your fancy, maybe looking is. Irene Neidinger has arranged for several interesting exhibits on a wide range of numismatic topics. Be sure to take a look.

Educational forums, meetings, the annual N.O.W. awards breakfast and a three-hour bus tour of Milwaukee round out the wide selection of activities available to convention goers.

Remember, the Mecca is easy to get to and nearby hotels make overnight lodging a simple matter. To ease even more in travel arrangements, Leo has bargained for some attractive rates at nearby hotels.

Nearby hotels offering special convention rates include the Hyatt-Regency Milwaukee (double or single \$69), the Marc Plaza (double or single \$50), the Ramada Inn Downtown (double or single \$38) and the Hotel Wisconsin (single \$30 and double \$38). Be sure to mention the N.O.W. convention when making reservations.

See you in Milwaukee.





**Sept. 29th, 30th & October 1st, 1989**

☆ The Original ☆

**MILWAUKEE NUMISMATIC SOCIETY**

# **— COIN SHOWS —**

*1989 Hosting the N.O.W. in our 55th Year!*

The MILWAUKEE NUMISMATIC SOCIETY invites you to participate in its 55th ANNIVERSARY COIN SHOW (The Original Milwaukee Coin Show) on Friday, September 29th; Saturday, September 30th and Sunday, October 1st, 1989 at MECCA, Wisconsin's largest convention center, 4th & Kilbourn, Milwaukee.

**SHOW HOURS:** 4:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. Thursday, September 28th  
(Set-up and Bourse for Dealers only)  
9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. Friday, Sept. 29th (Dealers 7:30 a.m.)  
9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. Saturday, Sept. 30th (Dealers 8:00 a.m.)  
9:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Sunday, October 1st (Dealers 8:30 a.m.)

**SECURITY:** Security will begin at 4:00 P.M. on Thursday, Sept. 28th and will continue until close of show Sunday.

**BOURSE FEE:** \$190 payable in advance for the 3 day show, or a table may be reserved with a \$95.00 deposit at this time -- with final payment of \$95.00 on or before August 15th. Bourse fee includes one 8 ft. table - back-up table - dealer sign - dealer badge - 3 chairs - light outlet - bodily injury and property damage liability insurance - adequate overhead lighting.

**CONDITIONS:** Bourse applications received are subject to approval of the Milwaukee Numismatic Society Board of Governors. No liability shall be incurred by the Milwaukee Numismatic Society, the officers, members and/or committees, either in their respective official, individual or personal capacities for any loss or damage either directly or indirectly in connection with the show. Dealers shall provide their own insurance coverage if desired.

**N.O.W. CONDITIONS:** Bourse applications received are subject to approval by the N.O.W. Board of Governors. Cancellation of reservations for bourse space must be done by August 15, 1989 to avoid forfeiture of fees. No subletting, transferring or table splitting will be permitted. No altered or counterfeit numismatic material or unmarked reproductions may be offered for sale. Bourse dealers must be approved members of N.O.W. Dues are \$3.00 per year and may be sent in with bourse application.

Leo Neidinger, Bourse  
3385 Hidden Hills Dr.  
Brookfield, WI 53005

For Additional Information:  
Phone: (414) 783-7020  
or (414) 541-7028

**PAYMENT:** Please submit all checks to show treasurer: Annette Tramte, 2368 S. 59th Street, Milwaukee, WI 53219

Detach and complete lower portion of this application and return with your check payable to MILWAUKEE NUMISMATIC SOCIETY. A self-addressed return envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

Annette Tramte, Show Treasurer, 2368 S. 59th Street, Milwaukee, WI 53219

Dealer's Sign should read: \_\_\_\_\_

Dealer's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ cases @ \$8.00 each for the 4 days.

\_\_\_\_\_ N.O.W. Dues \$3.00 enclosed.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dealer's Signature

**"The Original" Wisconsin's GREATEST Annual Coin Club Show**

\* \* \* FREE ADMISSION \* \* \* FREE TOKENS \* \* \* FREE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS \* \* \*

Publicity includes 25 radio stations - 30 popular state newspapers - numismatic publications - local newspapers - and "Monthly News" of the MILWAUKEE NUMISMATIC SOCIETY, also the huge Koss Corporation electric sign on I-43 in Milwaukee, the direct travel route from Chicago through Milwaukee and on to Green Bay.

HERE'S SOME INFORMATION ABOUT THE FOUR CONVENIENT CONVENTION HOTELS

HYATT-REGENCY MILWAUKEE - 333 West Kilbourn Avenue - Milwaukee, WI 53203

Located adjacent to the convention center and connected with an enclosed skywalk, the Hyatt is the newest of the convention hotels. It has a coffee shop, dining rooms, and cocktail lounge and is definitely a superior facility. Convention rates are \$69 for single or double, parking is additional.

THE MARC PLAZA - 509 West Wisconsin Avenue - Milwaukee, WI 53203

A two block walk from the convention center, the Marc Plaza is a well maintained older facility offering a full range of guest services, including a dining room, cocktail lounge and coffee shop. Offers parking and an indoor swimming pool for guests. Certainly above average. Convention rates are \$50 single or double.

RAMADA INN DOWNTOWN - 633 W. Michigan Street, Milwaukee, WI 53203.

A 3 block walk from MECCA Convention center. 155 rooms, swimming pool, cocktail lounge and restaurant. Convention rates are \$38 single or double. Free parking for guests. (414) 272-8410.

THE HOTEL WISCONSIN - 720 North 3rd Street - Milwaukee, WI 53203

Two blocks from the convention center, the Hotel Wisconsin offers a bar and restaurant and free parking for guests. An average facility offering a clean place to sleep for the guest who'd like to save a little money. Convention rates are \$30 single, \$38 double.

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Our 53rd Annual Coin Show in October was the largest, the finest and the most well attended club show in the North Central United States in 1987. Somehow, MILWAUKEE NUMISMATIC SOCIETY coin shows always generate wide interest across the country, and our 1988 show will be no exception.

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MECCA . . . . Milwaukee's new exposition center covering four square blocks and incorporating the most modern trade show and convention facilities in the North Central United States. Completely air-conditioned -- total on-premises food service -- in the heart of downtown, within walking distance to Milwaukee's famous restaurants, national department stores and shops. Nine enclosed loading docks make set-up and breakdown somewhat easier than other cities convention sites. Off-street and underground parking for over 12,000 cars within a four block radius.

**WELCOME**

**CONVENTION  
HALL**



**MECCA**

**Where The Bucks Play  
Basketball**



1989 N.O.W. EXHIBIT APPLICATION

ELIGIBILITY OF EXHIBITORS: Any person who is a member of N.O.W. , A. N. A., the host club and submits the exhibit application attached below is eligible to exhibit at the convention. This application should be filled out, signed and submitted to the exhibit chairman at least seven days prior to the first day of the convention. Any applications received later will be accepted if space permits at the discretion of the exhibit chairman.

ELIGIBILITY OF EXHIBIT: Exhibits must consist of items which are the property of the exhibitor. Any material in a display which is not genuine must be identified as such. All exhibitors will receive a copy of the judge scoring sheet. Any exhibit that has been shown in preceeding years at N.O.W. is eligible to be shown again WITH THE EXCEPTION OF BEST OF SHOW. Previous Best Of Show Exhibits - as well as any other exhibit - can be shown as non-competative exhibits.

EXHIBITS: are limited to 6-A.N.A. cases or 5 - Allstate size cases ( 18 x 30 are available.

All exhibits must be placed by 11:00 A. on Saturday and must remain on display until 4:00 P. on the closing day, unless otherwise permitted by the exhibit chairman.

IDENTIFICATION OF EXHIBITS: A number will be assigned to each exhibit and a card will be placed on the first case. The exhibit chairman will keep a record of exhibitors and will furnish judging sheets at show closing.

SECURITY: Appropriate security measures will be taken by the host club. There will be at least one person watching the exhibit area at all times when the show is open to the public. However, no liability shall be attached to the host organization, the officers and members of the organization damage to any material placed on exhibit.

AWARDS: Best of Show, four - first place, four - second place, and four \_ third place a first second and third junior award.  
The awards will be placques with coins attached.

EXHIBIT CHAIRMAN: Irene Neidinger (414) 783-7020  
3385 Hidden Hills Drive , Brookfield, Wisconsin 53008

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EXHIBIT APPLICATION FOR THE N.O.W. SHOW - SEPT. 29, 30, & OCT. 1, 1989  
at MECCA in MILWAUKEE

Exhibitors Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Adress: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Exhibit \_\_\_\_\_

Number & Size of Cases you will provide \_\_\_\_\_

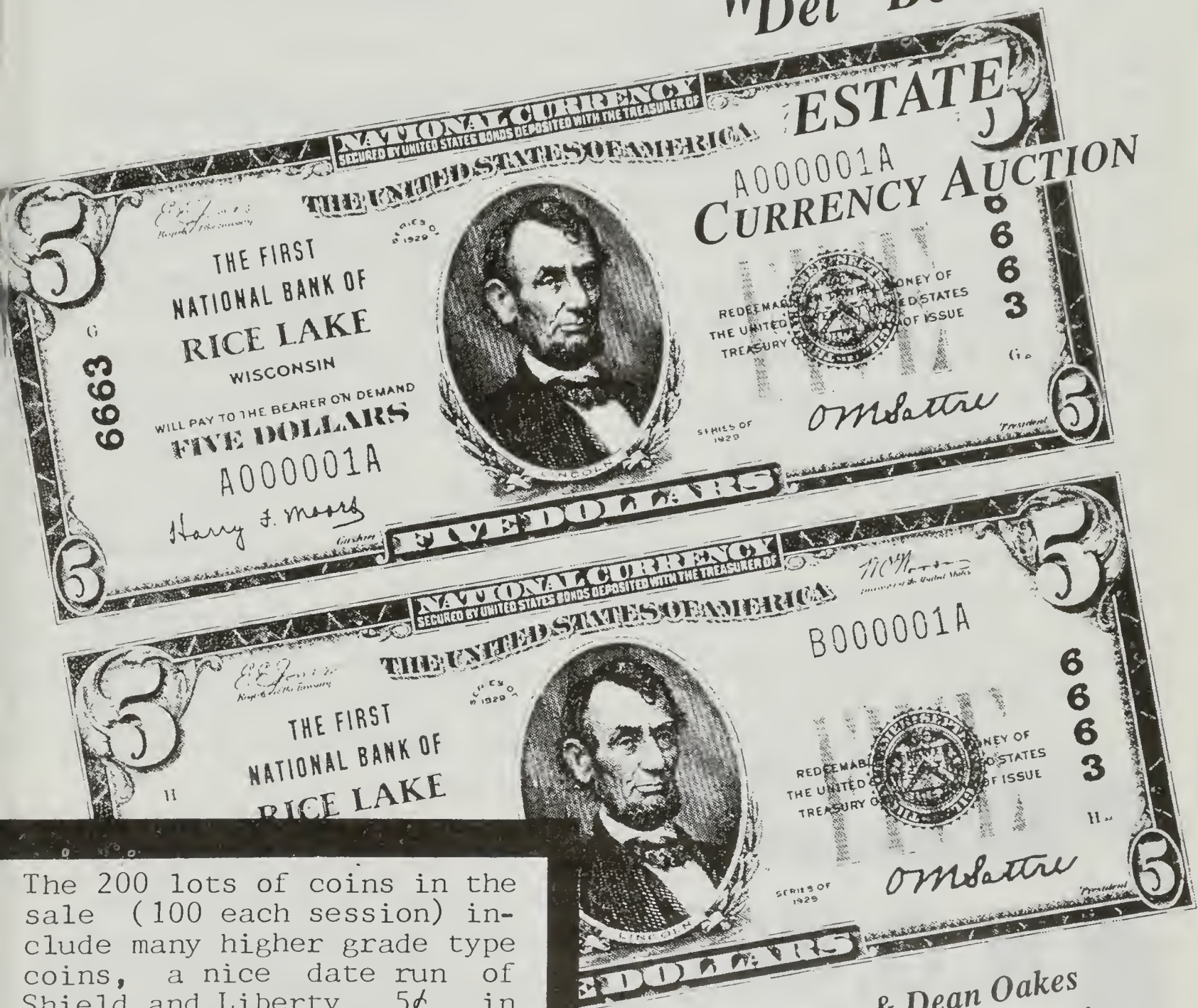
Number of cases needed \_\_\_\_\_

HICKMAN-OAKES AUCTIONS, INC.

DRAWER 1456

IOWA CITY, IA 52244

The  
"Del" Bertschy



The 200 lots of coins in the sale (100 each session) include many higher grade type coins, a nice date run of Shield and Liberty 5¢ in higher grades, key coins including 1909-S VDB cent, 1918/17-D 5¢, 1942/41 10¢, and 1893-S \$1.00. Also a 1795 half dime, commemoratives, and gold coins from \$1 to \$20.

Bill Bagwell

John Hickman & Dean Oakes  
Present their 38th Currency Auction  
Mecca Center  
4th & Kilborn St.  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
September 29 & 30, 1989

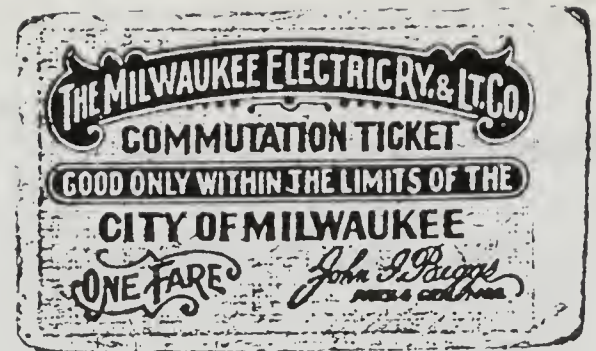


GOLD PROTECTS  
"AIR FORCE ONE"

When Air Force One takes to the sky, President Bush and its distinguished passengers are protected from heat-seeking missiles by heat-reflective "Laser Gold", plated mirror-like devises that prevent any attacking missiles from locking on their target.

Infrared heat-reflective gold plate also protects England's Prime Minister Thatcher's airplane and most of the fighter planes and combat helicopters of the U.S. Air Force. A major reason for "Laser Gold's" popularity is because it provides 99% infrared heat reflection, giving the planes maximum protection against heat-seeking missiles.

Gold Institute Newsletter



SEE MILWAUKEE TRIP

Tentative plans have been made to provide a dandy guided/narrated city bus tour in conjunction with the MNS/NOW show.

Arrangements have been made with Travel America Tours for a 47 passenger bus that would provide a three hour city tour including stops at the Domes, Joan of Arc Chapel, and Ambrosia Chocolate.

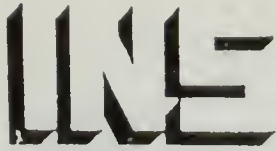
The trip is planned for Saturday, September 30th at 1:00 PM, cost to be \$10.00 per person, and any profit derived will go to the NOW treasury.

In the past, nicely planned events for spouses and non collectors in attendance at coin shows are often wasted due to lack of participation, DON'T LET THIS ONE SLIP AWAY - Send your \$10.00 today to tour chairman:

Bill Mross,  
P.O. Box 21,  
Racine, WI 53401

Your reservation must be in hand by September 15th to make this nice trip a reality!





## AUTHENTICATION BUREAU

Charles R. Hoskins, Director

Charles Hoskins, former U.S. Mint official and Director of the International Numismatic Society Authentication Bureau in Washington, D.C. will man the authentication and grading table at the NOW convention in Milwaukee September 29 through October 1.

Hoskins has been involved with numismatics for forty years, first as a collector in his home town of Athens, Ohio. He became assistant to the Director of the Money Museum of National Bank of Detroit in 1960, and became Director in 1966. He served as consultant to the Director of the Mint in 1968-69, developing the exhibits in the new United States Mint in Philadelphia prior to its opening. In 1970 he resigned from the Money Museum Directorship to become Public Information Officer and Head of the Numismatic Sales Division of the United States Mint, Philadelphia. While in that position he wrote his first book, "The Story of the Dollar," which covered the development of the dollar coin from the earliest silver dollar-sized coins of the fifteenth century to the present.

Hoskins became the first Director of the A.N.A. Certification Service when it was created in Washington, D.C. in 1972, and continued to head it for almost five years until it was moved to Colorado Springs. Since that time he has been Director of the International Numismatic Society Authentication Bureau in Washington...a position he has now held for thirteen years.

The INS Authentication Bureau (INSAB) is one of the only two non-profit authentication and grading services in the world. It began authentication coins in November, 1976 and first offered its grading service to the public a month later. INSAB is the oldest of all grading services...it operated for almost two years before ANACS began grading.

During the NOW Convention Hoskins will be available to examine your coins to determine their authenticity, to grade them. There will be a charge of \$2.50-\$5.00 for coin examinations to offset his travel expenses.

Hoskins has researched the coin designs of the United States throughout the twentieth century and has known many of the designers personally. He can tell countless interesting stories about the people who created our coins, and as a former mint official he can relate many fascinating facts concerning our mint system. You should drop by his table while at the NOW Convention.

1989 MNS/NOW MEDAL

Among the many nice things happening at the 1989 MNS/NOW convention, is the striking of a silver medal as a remembrance of this first fall MNS/NOW show.

The attractive medal has been designed by veteran Milwaukee stemwinder Gale Highsmith who is an old hand at medal striking.

Going back to 1959, Gale designed the 25th anniversary medal of the Milwaukee Numismatic Society, also the 50th anniversary medal patterned after the \$50 gold slug, the Summerfest medals in their various designs, and perhaps the most beautiful numismatic medals ever conceived and struck, the Milwaukee Numismatic Society's 400th meeting medals, which feature a Muse riding Pegasus the winged horse, a truly significant work from both the artistic standpoint, and excellence in mechanics of striking design.

Gale has used medals in the past as his personal contribution to the hobby he has espoused, in the case of the Milwaukee World Festival, the profits went to the Summerfest, while each Milwaukee Numismatic Society past president received a 4 ounce 999 fine silver 400th meeting medal as Gale's contribution to the Society. (A significant personal financial outlay, since this was not a MNS venture).

Gale is one of two remaining Honorary life members of MNS, a 50 year member of the Society who has served as president for 7 terms. A NOW life member (#3), Gale served on the board of governors for six years, as well as a term as vice president. Add to this the credentials of 50 year ANA membership, and national prominence outside the hobby as an Indian artifact expert and space scientist, (Gale identified and tracked the Soviet space debris that landed near Manitowoc), and you have touched on the highlights of Highsmith.



"We are striking 1000 of these beauties, and expect to put them on sale at the show for \$10.00 each, the dies should be started by now."

Gale Highsmith



## "Del"



you know and remember A. P. "Del" Bertschy. For 80 of his 91 plus years he was interested in collecting coins and currency. He was a hobby booster and a 48-year member of the Milwaukee Numismatic

Society, joining in 1940. He served long and faithfully and was best known as Bourse and General Chairman for many successful M.N.S. club shows.

Del started collecting large currency about the time it was being withdrawn from circulation. A collector's dream came true when he was allowed to exchange dollar for dollar, at the First Wisconsin National Bank of Milwaukee, new notes for old during those years when the old notes were being phased out. Without catalogs, but with the advice of A. A. Grinnell, he kept what he thought were the most desirable notes and forwarded the balance to Barney Bluestone who was paying 10% over face for large bills. He encouraged bank tellers about town to keep old coins and currency for him in a relationship that was maintained for years.

It is thus fitting that a large portion of "Del's" currency collection be sold here at this year's Milwaukee Numismatic Society's show. This year the society is also hosting the Numismatists of Wisconsin, the state organization. These two numismatic groups will certainly combine to offer an exciting numismatic event. Don't miss it! Dealers in coins and currency from across the country will be in attendance. Plan to attend September 29, 30 and October 1, 1989 at the Mecca Convention Center, Milwaukee, WS.

## KONIG HEADS UP RAFFLE

Russ Konig of the Greater Milwaukee Coin & Jewelry Exchange has been designated raffle ticket chairman of the 1989 fall MNS/NOW show.

The four Gold Eagle coins to be awarded as prizes are a gift from the Milwaukee Numismatic Society to help raise funds for NOW.

According to Konig, the tickets were printed free of charge by MNS member Tom Snyder who operates the "Olympic Speed Printing" Co. in Milwaukee.

As incentive for ticket salesmen, Bob Korosec, and the Greater Milwaukee Coin & Jewelry Exchange have donated one tenth ounce American Eagles to be awarded to the person selling the most tickets.

Persons needing a supply of raffle tickets to sell, or information pertaining to the raffle can contact Russ at:

Greater Milwaukee Coin  
& Jewelry Exchange,  
7432 Holmes Ave.,  
Greenfield, WI 53220  
(414-281-7700)

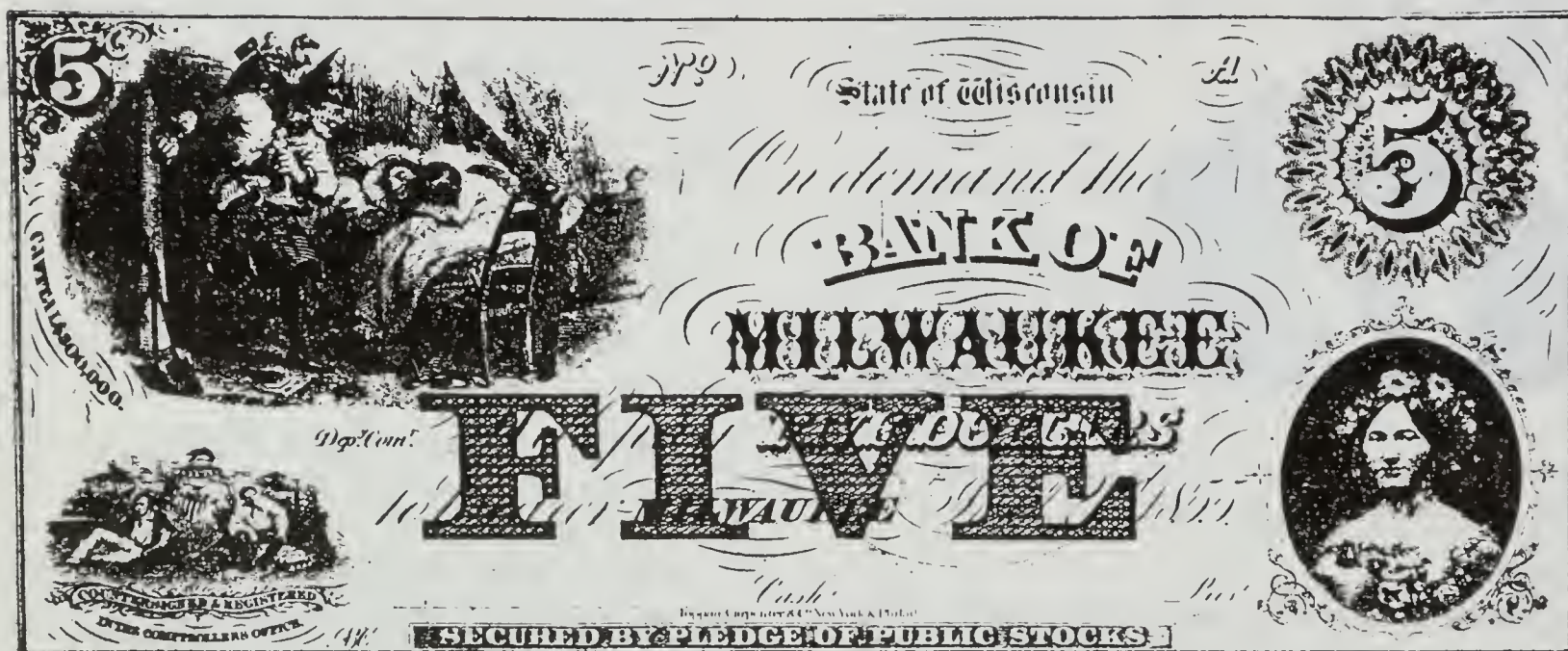
## (EDITORS NOTE)

NOW members are encouraged to take part in the raffle, this is a financial shot in the arm for NOW.



# NUMISMATISTS OF WISCONSIN

Established 1960



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The Bank of Milwaukee (2nd), was in existence from 1855 to 1865. It later became the National Exchange Bank of Milwaukee, which in 1930 merged to become the Marine National Exchange Bank of Milwaukee. The very rare \$5 proof note above belonged to A. P. "Del" Bertschy for many years and was a highlight of his collection. The note now resides in the Chester Krause collection and is reproduced with his permission. The upper left vignette on the note portrays Santa Claus visiting sleeping children. This Offset Souvenir Card is limited to 500 coverstock and 1,500 paper copies. This card was produced by Tom Snyder of Wauwatosa, Wisconsin and Nancy & John Wilson of Milwaukee (Wilson Card #19). This card is being produced in the memory of Mr. Numismatic Ambassador A. P. "Del" Bertschy, of Shorewood, Wisconsin. Del was born in 1896 and passed away on February 22, 1988. He was involved in many areas of numismatics for 80 years. He dedicated much of his life to the advancement of the Milwaukee Numismatic Society, Numismatists of Wisconsin and Central States Numismatic Society.



MNS/NOW EDUCATIONAL

PROGRAMS

SATURDAY: 11:00 AM

An illustrated slide presentation on "Lincoln and His Cabinet" by Bill Brandimore will highlight a joint meeting of the Society of Paper Money Collectors and the International Bank Note Society. Bill's presentation will cover President Lincoln and his cabinet as it relates to fractional currency. The program and meeting are open to the public and you are invited to attend.

SATURDAY: 2:00 PM

A program for young numismatists will feature talks by ANA board member Nancy Wilson and numismatic author Neil Shafer, lots of nice numismatic freebees and handouts, and a chance for young collectors to meet and talk with others their age in the hobby.



HANDOUTS/MAILOUTS

John and Nancy Wilson, with help from Tom Snyder and Tom Casper have come up with some real nice collector items for the MNS/NOW show. The souvenir card (salon, or memorial) is just beautiful, printed by Tom's print shop, it will be sold for \$1.00 each at the door, and 100 special editions will be printed on heavy stock and given to those attending the NOW Awards breakfast. The cards are donated by John, Nancy and Tom Casper. If you can't get to the NOW show, send a \$2.50 check to John Wilson (\$1.00 + \$1.50 P and H) for your copy of this lovely memorial to Del. Better yet, have a friend who attends bring you a copy. MNS and NOW will share the profit!

Heres a nice "mail in" from John and Nancy, just send a large size stamped, self addressed envelope to the Wilsons at P.O. Box 27185, Milwaukee, 53227 and you will receive this packet: 1. A rolled out cent used in Nancy's successful ANA election campaign, 2. A Central States/South Shore 1990 wooden advertising nickel, 3. Three nice advertising notes from Nancys campaign, struck on heavy stock, and very attractive. Freebees, from friends on MNS/NOW!!



# Numismatists of Wisconsin

## 29th ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION

*Hosted By Milwaukee Numismatic Society*

MECCA Convention Center, Milwaukee, WI

September 29 - 30 and October 1, 1989

### TWO SESSION AUCTION

BY HICKMAN & OAKES

Featuring:

*The Del Bertschy Estate of Paper Money & Coins*

## BOURSE & EXHIBITS

LEO NEIDINGER

(414) 783-7020

3385 Hidden Hills Drive, Brookfield, WI 53005

## 175 DEALERS

Dealer Set Up: Thursday, September 28th, 5:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

# NOW IS THE TIME TO MAKE PLANS

General Chairman: Bob Korosec

(414) 541-8650



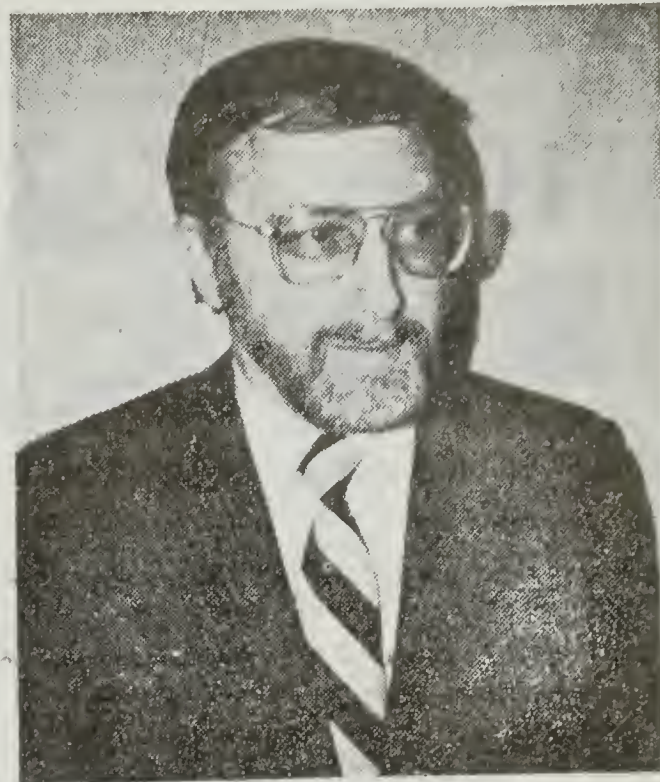
# Numismatists of Wisconsin

Everything seems to be running smoothly for the upcoming NOW/MNS coin show at the MECCA. We are all working very hard on this show to make it as successful as possible, mainly for the sake of NOW.

The following people are chairmen of the various functions of the show:

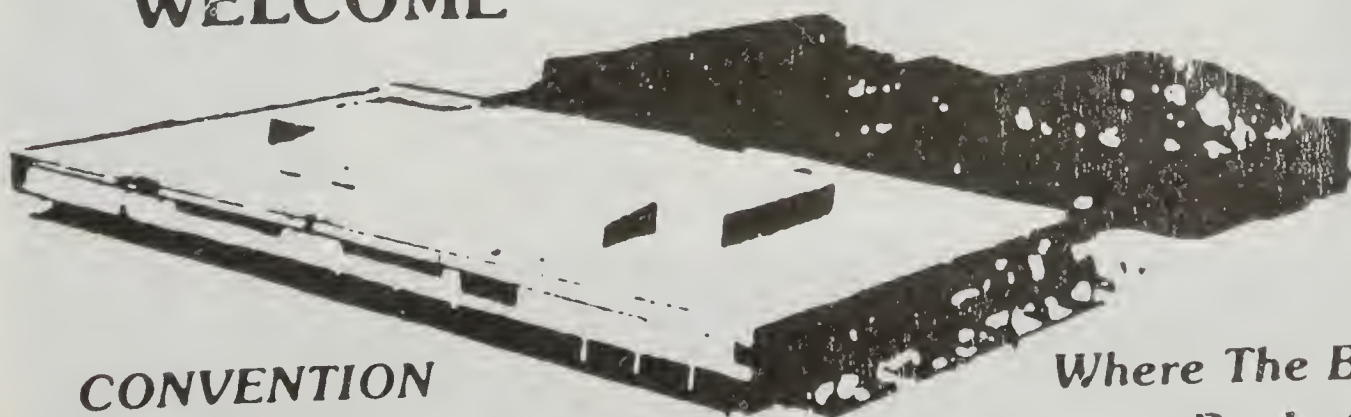
Raffle-----Russ Konig  
Medal-----Gale Highsmith  
Exhibits-----Irene Neidinger  
Auction-----Dean Oakes  
Authentication-Chas. Hoskins  
Tour-----Bill Mross

With a little effort on the part of the entire membership of NOW and MNS, I believe we can make this a very successful show.



**WELCOME**

**MECCA**



**CONVENTION  
HALL**

**Where The Bucks Play  
Basketball**



## Club News

### MADISON COIN SHOW

MARCH 18, 1990

The Madison Coin Club show will be held at the Sheraton Inn & Conference Center as in the past years. This year we are extending an invitation to anyone wishing to exhibit, please consider it and act soon due to limited space.

Although the show is 7 months away, plan to attend and mark it on your calendar. As plans progress you'll be able to read about it in the NOW News.

Remember, Madison Coin Club's 58th coin show. Sheraton Inn & Conference Center, 706 John Nolen Dr., Madison, WI. Bourse: Nancy or Peter Gaby, P.O. Box 4622, Madison 53711, (608) 276-8802 Exhibits: Peter & Ruth Phillips, 3329 Wells Ave., Madison, 53714. (608) 244-7957.

Here is the info for NO Newa regarding the Waukesha Coin Club 1990 spring show:

The Waukesha Coin Club 21st annual show will be held Sunday, April 1, 1990 at the Waukesha Co. Youth Building. There will be 39 dealer tables, free admission, exhibits, and club sponsored kitchen. The bourse table fee is \$45.00. For information, contact the bourse chairman: Tom Snyder, 2028 N. 113th St., Wauwatosa WI 53226.

How to find us: I-94 to County J "Airport" exit, south to County FT, right to Waukesha Expo Youth Bldg.

Tom Snyder

On July 22, 1989, the Milwaukee Numismatic Society changed its coin show dates for 1990. The new dates are September 28, 29, 30, 1990. Please make note of this for future reference and make any necessary changes.

Bob Korosec

Central States Numismatic Society - CSNS, a numismatic event, will be held in Milwaukee, April 6-8, 1990. The Bureau will feature the Spider Press and a collection of antique currencies.





Change your place of residence?  
Send your brand new address to  
Secretary Ron Calkins today!



**LES BURZINSKI  
COLLECTOR OF  
POTTY COINS**



2105 Oak Ridge Avenue • Madison, WI 53704

# show schedule

1989-1989-1989-1989-1989

Sept. 17 FOND DU LAC

American Legion Bldg.  
Fond Du Lac Coin Club  
P.O. Box 952  
Fond Du Lac 54935

Sept. 24 GREEN BAY

Midway Motor Lodge  
Nicolet Coin Club  
P.O. Box 152  
Green Bay 54305

Sept. 29-30-Oct. 1 MILWAUKEE

MECCA - 4th & Kilbourn  
Milw. Numis. Soc./NOW  
P.O. Box 27185  
Milwaukee 53277

Oct. 8 OCONOMOWOC

Community Center  
Cooney Numismatists  
P.O. Box 624  
Oconomowoc 53006

## PLAN AHEAD!

### LOCAL SHOW CO-ORDINATOR

#### RANDY MILLER

P. O. Box 254

Oshkosh, WI 54902 or call 414-231-6161

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March 4 RACINE

Sheraton Inn  
Racine Numismatic Soc.  
P.O. Box 191  
Pleasant Prairie

March 11 KENOSHA

Holiday Inn  
Kenosha Coin Club  
P.O. Box 191  
Pleasant Prairie 53158

March 18 MADISON

Sheraton Inn  
Madison Coin Club  
P.O. Box 4622  
Madison 53711

April 1 WAUKESHA

Waukesha Co. Youth Bldg.  
Waukesha Coin Club  
P.O. Box 321  
Brookfield 53005

April 5-8 MILWAUKEE

MECCA - 4th & Kilbourn  
Central States Numis. Soc.

April 22 WAUSAU

Marathon Co. Youth Bldg.  
Wis. Valley Coin Club  
5002 Tanya St.  
Schofield 54426

Sept. 28-29-30 MILWAUKEE

MECCA - 4th & Kilbourn  
Milw. Numismatic Society  
P.O. Box 27185  
Milwaukee 53277



# It's Innovative! It's Exciting! It's Here!

## Make the NEW News Your News

Change. It's the way of the world. Years back model T's cut the inroad for the autos of tomorrow, and the Wright brothers made it possible to fly. And today, the old Numismatic News has paved the way for the 1989 edition.

The NEW News. It's a breed apart; a dynamic, positive change. But even though it sports a shaply new size — the svelte look of the 1990s — it still retains the same intestinal fortitude that has kept it at the hobby's cutting edge for more than 37 years.

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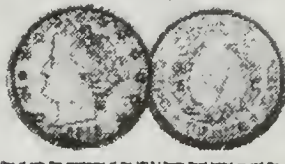
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## Babees donate 1913 Liberty nickel to ANA



One of only five specimens of the 1913 Liberty Head nickel — and the only specimen with a high — was sent to the American Numismatic Association in Oklahoma Springs, Okla.

Three "Babees" (children) from the town of Babees, Okla., donated the coin to the ANA. The coin was found by a child in the town of Babees, Okla., in 1913. The coin was found by a child in the town of Babees, Okla., in 1913. The coin was found by a child in the town of Babees, Okla., in 1913.

## U.S. gold production heading for record

U.S. gold production is expected to reach a record high of 1.2 million ounces in 1989, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. The survey predicts that production will increase from 1.1 million ounces in 1988 to 1.2 million ounces in 1989.

## Brady officially confirms designs

The U.S. Mint has officially confirmed the designs for the new 1989 coins. The designs were chosen from a competition held by the U.S. Mint. The designs were chosen from a competition held by the U.S. Mint.

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If you ever need RAIN... just invite the Madison Coin Club to a picnic. They have quite a track record for getting rain at their picnics and Monday August 14th was no exception. The annual event was held at Tenny Park in Madison and despite the weather, good food and a good time was had by all.

The Madison Club has a new slate of officers and Nancy Gaby has become editor of a very nice new Newsletter for the Club.

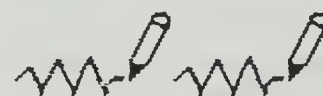


On Sunday, August 20th we attended Baraboo Coin Club's annual show, which was held at the Holiday Inn in Wisconsin Dells. NOW officers attended a special meeting and received an update on plans for the upcoming NOW convention in Milwaukee. Sounds

like they're planning a Whoopie-doodle of a show. Plan to attend.

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The Coin Club Insurance Plan, which we offered to your coin club has created a few problems for NOW. This coin club policy provided liability coverage at club meetings and shows. During the past year, the insurance company issuing our policy has almost tripled our premium. No longer will we be able to offer coverage at \$45 per year. Your NOW Board is carefully considering the pros and cons of this coverage and we may be contacting participating coin clubs before a final decision is made for next year.



The Wisconsin Numismatic Writers Association recently sent us a ballot to vote for the best article published in NOW News by members of the Guild during 1988. Whew... what a job! We read and reread the 7 articles that were being considered and finally made a difficult decision. At the NOW convention in September cash awards will be presented to the winners. Wonder who they'll be??

Why don't YOU join the Writer's Association now and start working on a winning article for NOW News?

Dues are only \$1.00 per year. For more information, contact Harold Helm, 119 W. 9th Avenue, Oshkosh, WI 54901.



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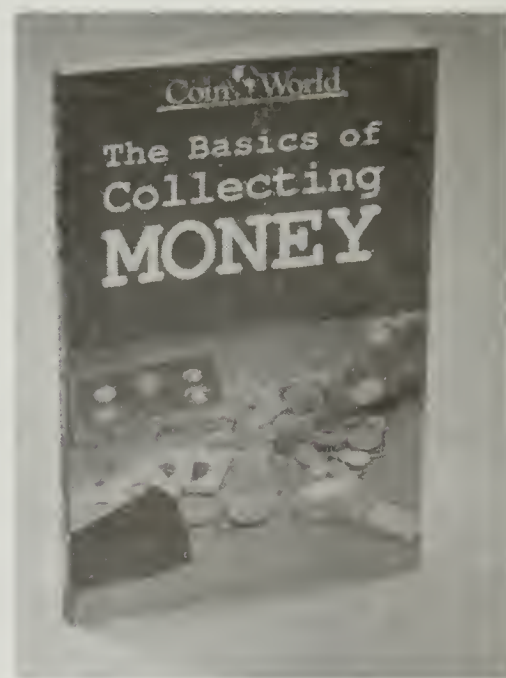
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Coin World weekly is offering two new books to help collectors enjoy their hobby.

"The Basics of Collecting Money" (160 pages, soft-cover, \$5.95), is designed

specifically for the beginning collector. With a friendly format and easy to understand style, it gives the newcomer a helpful introduction to the hobby.

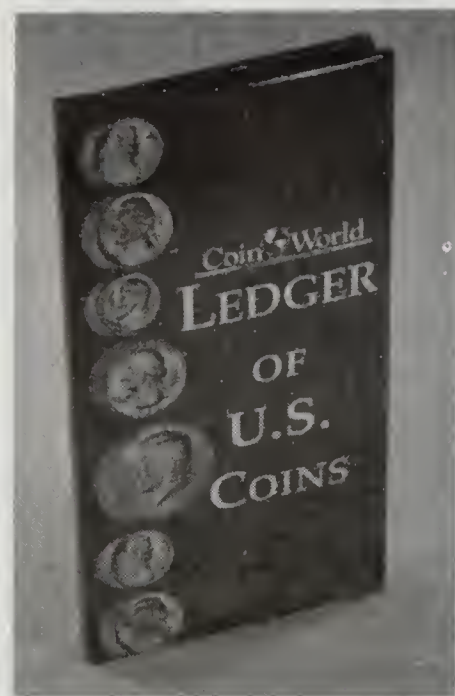
"The Basics" explains how to get a collection started, why people collect coins and paper money, and how and where to buy and sell coins.

A fundamental historical background is given, explaining the origins of money and money concepts, and examining the money manufacturing processes. "The Basics" introduces the crucial topics of why grading is important and how to store and handle collectibles.

This new book discusses how to build a library and where to find an organization of collectors with similar interests. A "Guide to terms" highlights some of the special language of collectors of money.

The Ledger of U.S. Coins (112 pages-hardcover, \$6.95) is a new large checklist that will fit in most lock-boxes.

"The Ledger" has columns for recording coin grade, date purchased, amount paid and owner comments. A large margin gives space for additional comments if necessary. The paper is acid-free archival quality, and listings provide a five year recordkeeper. "The Ledger" has a table of contents organized by denomination and de-



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THE OLDSAN FRANCISCO MINT

Glendora Hauger - WNWA

Now called affectionately The Granite Lady, the Mint was built in 1874 to serve financial needs caused by the Gold Rush and burgeoning needs of San Francisco and the whole Western region. (San Francisco had already outgrown one small Mint which had been opened in 1854.)

When first occupied, the new Mint was considered to be one of the best appointed mints in the world, and news reports predicted, with its cast iron columns inside and out, cast iron supports in the walls, even cast iron around windows instead of wood, the substantially constructed granite and sandstone building would "stand up for centuries". The big test came in 1906 during the devastating San Francisco earthquake. Two very strong jolts lasting 65 seconds leveled 490 square blocks (40 acres). Left intact and standing alone amid the rubble, the Mint was the only financial institution able to open its doors for business.

After the quake, Mint personnel returned to work: those not working putting out small fires caused by broken gas lines were put to

use as 24 hour guards and establishing food lines. The Mint assumed the responsibilities of administering relief funds and other monetary affairs of the crippled city.

In the 1930s the Mint was considered to be too small, and by 1937 the new Mint was ready. In the 1960s the Granite Lady was no longer used, and there was talk circulating to tear it down. People of the community came to its defense and started to raise money to bring it back to its former beauty and use. A wealthy philanthropist, a Mrs. Blanchard, took up the cause and led in raising millions for cleaning, replacing and refurnishing.

It is now a museum, furnished in the period of its most active era, an auditorium for showing audio-visual films on the complete restoration, information on and display of coins, old photographs, a machine for stamping bronze commemoratives, and walking tours offered each hour on the half hour.





## THE CARNEGIE

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The Carnegie Museum of Natural History will display part of its world class coin collection from August 8 through October 15, 1989, in conjunction with the National Convention of the American Numismatic Association (ANA).

Andrew Carnegie, himself started the Carnegie's collection in the early 1900s as he traveled internationally and saved his "pocket change." Augmented by local and national contributions over the years, the collection numbers nearly 14,000 items, including U.S., classical, medieval, Chinese, and Japanese coins, political campaign buttons, streetcar tokens, medals, prison money, forgeries, and sheets of uncut paper currency. One of the most notable contributions came from longtime friend, George Hubbard Clapp, who gave his collection of large U.S. cent pieces.

From September 1982 through March 1983, some duplicate coins from the collection were sold at auctions; however, the majority of the collection remained at the Carnegie.

Kurt Krueger's April sale at the Central States Numismatic Society convention certainly brought smiles to consignors' faces.

"We had the right blend of material and activity, and it was a pretty strong sale," Krueger said.

"We had estimated the sale at \$750,000, and we thought we had a chance at \$1 million when the market heated up," he stated. Total winning bids of \$1,276,000 were received from floor and mail bidders in the 1,181 lot auction.

Some of the material was from the collection of Virgil and Daisy Jackson.

### (EDITORS NOTE)

Thought you might like a look at Kurt's nice new logo for letterheads & envelopes!

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GLITTERING COINIS REAL GOLD

Some things that glitter are gold, as a Texas bottle collector discovered when he found a \$20 gold piece valued at \$5,000 stuck in the dirt of an abandoned dump.

"Last November I was looking through this old dump for bottles when I spotted a glint of gold out of the corner of my eye," said the man who asked for anonymity while he continues his search for more lost or discarded treasures. "When I got closer, I thought it was one of those gold-wrapped chocolates. I picked it up, looked it over and, like some cowboy out of the Old West, bit it to see if it was real."

The ANA Certification Service examined the coin and certified it to be a 1907 St. Gaudens \$20 gold piece with high relief and Roman numerals. The rare coin's value is at least \$5,000 at current market rates.

"After I found the coin, I went to a pawn shop, and the guy there said it wasn't real but offered me \$15 for it," the treasure hunter said. "I almost accepted the offer but I thought I'd better let my wife see it first. It's a good thing I did, too."

"We started doing some research and making phone calls to coin dealers in

Dallas, who said the coin couldn't be genuine but they would look at it if I would just send it to them."

The treasure seeker wouldn't let the coin out of his sight. Although hard times fell on the family, the collector insisted on saving the gold coin until he knew precisely what he had found.

"I knew the coin must be worth something, and, after doing a lot of reading about coins, I didn't trust anyone but the American Numismatic Association to tell me the truth," the lucky explorer said.

Don Bonser, one of the ANA's authenticators, was the first expert to meet the treasure collector and look at his coin.

"I wasn't certain what these folks had until I saw the coin," Bonser said. "I knew right away it was real and rare."

The coin was graded at About Uncirculated 58/50. This grade means that the coin shows only the barest traces of wear on the high points of the design, the obverse or head side of the coin is in the best condition and the reverse is in lesser condition because of the scratch made by the finder's tooth.

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